

Let us pray.

God of abundant life on this Christian Aid Week Sunday,
we pray for and with communities across the world
who are most vulnerable to coronavirus.

We pray for people living in refugee camps and city slums,
with limited sanitation facilities,
who are unable to wash their hands regularly,
and have little opportunity to isolate from others.

We pray for Christian Aid partners
working to provide soap and buckets,
raising the voices of the most vulnerable
and ensuring they are kept as safe as possible.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

God of abundant life,
we see your goodness all around us
and we thank you for every part of it;
from the plants and animals which play their part
in complex ecosystems,
to the dry deserts and stormy seas which test the limits of life.
We thank you for those who challenge us to act on climate change;
for scientists and for young people who call for change.

We pray that you will help those in power
to hear their prophetic voices.

We pray that in this time of climate crisis and ecological emergency,
you may help us to rediscover your love of creation
and to reflect that in our own lives.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

God our refuge,
we come to you with open hands,
some of us with hearts full of questions,
some of us bruised by bereavement,
some of us fearful of what the future holds,
all of us stunned by the events of this year.

Hear the cry of our hearts, Lord,
silent and aloud,
for bereaved neighbours, near and far.
Bring comfort to those who are sick,
and hold close those who are hurting alone.

We pray for much wisdom and resources
for those in local and national authority
for all frontline and key workers
here in Britain and across the world.

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

God of peace,

we pray for Elizabeth our Queen and the leaders of all nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.

As we give thanks for Victory in Europe

help us also to remember the cost of war,

to work for a better tomorrow;

and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,

bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

In this season of Easter,

renew us with resurrection hope.

Draw close to us now in each of our homes and in our schools,

as we place our fears and hopes into your hands.

As we join with the whole of creation,

inspired by those who have gone before us

and the prophetic voices of today,

hear these prayers which we ask in the name of your Son,

Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life.

All Amen.